

SWAB HAVING EASILY DISPLACEABLE TIP  
FOR COLLECTING A SALIVA SAMPLE AND  
INSERTING IT INTO A COLLECTION DEVICE,  
AND METHOD OF USING SAME

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A swab for collecting specimens from patients has an elongate handle with an absorbent fabric swab tip at one end. The swab tip is releasably attached to 10 the handle, and a sleeve, which slidably fits on the handle, can be pushed against the swab tip after a specimen has been collected to displace the swab tip from the handle and deposit it into a collection device.

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